The Minneapolis City Council hereby approves the following staff direction:

Community Planning & Economic Development staff is directed to provide a higher level of scrutiny in its analysis of side yard variances that involve construction of new 1-4 unit dwellings utilizing existing building foundations. As clarified by ordinance in 2014, removal of more than 60% of a building's exterior equates to demolition of the building. New homes constructed in the wake of demolition are generally expected to follow current land use regulations regardless of whether the foundation has been removed. When conducting an analysis of the legal findings for a variance and making a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment, the presence of an existing building foundation should typically not be the only unique factor that leads to a conclusion that the property owner is faced with a practical difficulty.

Certified as an official action of the City Council:



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